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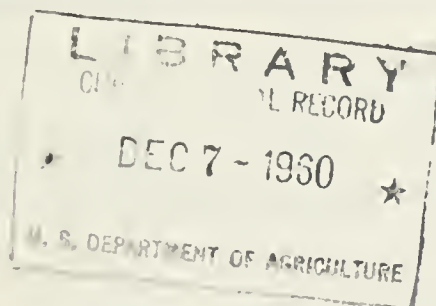
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## WORLD DRY PEA PRODUCTION DOWN

Production of dry edible peas in 1960, in 19 reporting countries, was 11.2 million bags, down 15 percent from 1959, and 11 percent from the 1950-54 average.

Reported production does not represent total world production. Output in Communist China, the U.S.S.R., the Balkan satellites and other non-reporting countries, would undoubtedly enlarge the production figure to 100 million bags, if an estimate were available. The 940,000 acres devoted to dry peas is down 11 percent from the previous year and 14 percent from the 1950-54 average. Acreage was down in all major areas of the world in 1960.

North America: Production in the United States, largest producer among the reporting countries, was 2.7 million bags, down 38 percent from 1959. Last year's low prices and large carryover reduced acreage 16 percent, and this, coupled with reduced yields in the Washington - Idaho area (caused by abnormally hot weather in July), contributed to the decline. Canada's production of over 600,000 bags was up 3 percent from 1959. Favorable weather and increased yields raised the Canadian output in spite of reduced acreage.

Latin America: Argentina and Chile together produced 700,000 bags of dry peas this year, the only area where production was up from the previous year. These countries harvest their peas at the time the Northern hemisphere is planting.

Europe: In Europe, 11 reporting countries produced over 6 million bags, down 6 percent from the previous year and 12 percent from the 1950-54 average. Acreage was down 3 percent from 1959. Unfavorable weather damaged production and the quality of the crop in some major producing countries.

PEAS, DRY FIELD: Acreage and production in specified countries,  
average 1950-54, annual 1959 and 1960

Country	Acreage			Production		
	Average 1950-54	1959	1960	Average 1950-54	1959	1960
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
North America:						
Canada .....	48	64	54	544	590	609
United States .....	253	300	253	3,045	4,375	2,732
Total .....	301	364	307	3,589	4,965	3,341
South America:						
Argentina .....	50	67	62	564	309	442
Chile .....	47	43	47	288	201	265
Total .....	97	110	109	852	510	707
Europe:						
Austria .....	1	1	<u>2/</u> 1	15	22	<u>2/</u> 20
Belgium-Luxembourg	15	18	19	283	524	509
Finland .....	21	21	<u>2/</u> 20	268	250	<u>2/</u> 240
France .....	54	52	47	779	888	844
Germany, West .....	25	5	<u>2/</u> 4	362	110	88
Italy .....	44	42	<u>2/</u> 40	271	284	<u>2/</u> 270
Netherlands .....	69	77	72	1,805	2,314	2,260
Spain .....	87	86	90	438	464	436
Sweden .....	32	21	27	641	243	265
United Kingdom .....	129	56	47	1,996	1,187	1,008
Yugoslavia .....	20	23	22	159	251	220
Total .....	497	402	389	7,017	6,537	6,160
Asia:						
Turkey .....	4	5	<u>2/</u> 5	22	33	<u>2/</u> 35
Japan .....	25	30	27	269	384	333
Total .....	29	35	32	291	417	368
Africa:						
Algeria .....	20	13	<u>2/</u> 6	85	70	33
Morocco .....	148	138	97	791	772	620
Total .....	168	151	103	876	842	653
Grand total .....	1,092	1,062	940	12,625	13,271	11,229

1/ 100-pound bags. 2/ Office estimate.

The Netherlands, the largest European producer and exporter, harvested over 2 million bags, down 2 percent from last year. Heavy rains in May caused considerable bleach and stain and affected quality.

The United Kingdom, another large producer, had a crop of over 1 million bags, down 15 percent from last year. Area and production continued to decline. French production of 840,000 bags was down 5 percent due to wet and stormy weather. Belgium produced over 500,000 bags of peas, a 3 percent reduction from last year.

Africa: Morocco's crop of 620,000 bags was down 20 percent from 1959 while acreage was down 30 percent. Output in Algeria, a smaller producer was down 50 percent from last year.

Asia: Japan's crop of over 330,000 bags was down 13 percent from last year while acreage went down 10 percent.

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